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Executive Summary

France and the United States are in competition on world markets for butter and nonfat dry milk (NFDM). In 1999 and in the first months of 2000, French exports of butter were nonexistent to Russia, as a result of the Russian economic crisis which started in 1998 and depressed demand for butter. By contrast, French exports of NFDM have risen in the first months of 2000, due to the economic recovery of Asian countries, which are leading world importers of NFDM. France is a large consumer of dairy products: in 1999, purchases of cheese amounted to USD 4.8 billion; short shelf-life products (including fresh cheeses, yogurt and fresh dairy desserts) were USD 3.4 billion; and fluid milk were USD 1.7 billion. There is a growing niche market for organic dairy products in France, where domestic production is lower than consumer demand, in particular for organic yogurt.

Section I: Situation and Outlook

France is a major producer, consumer, and exporter of dairy products. Industrial products such as milk powders are principally exported and consumed by the domestic dairy industry, while consumer-oriented products such as cheeses and yogurts are mainly purchased by French consumers.

France and the United States are competitors on the world market for milk powders and butter. While the Asian economic crisis had reduced significantly its demand for nonfat dry milk (NFDM) since 1998, the current economic recovery in Asia is pushing demand up for NFDM, and French exports to Asia are higher in 2000. Consequently, a sharp increase in NFDM prices was recorded since April 2000. By contrast, the butter market remains depressed by the lack of butter demand from Russia, which used to be a major importer. As a result, butter prices are staying low, but are expected to be supported somewhat by high prices for vegetable oils, which compete directly with butter.

In 1999, French households' purchases of dairy products included 43 percent cheeses (valued at USD 4.8 billion), 30 percent short shelf-life products (USD 3.4 billion), and 15 percent fluid milk (USD 1.7 billion). More than 80 percent of all dairy products are sold at supermarkets, except fluid milk (78 percent). There is a growing demand in France for organic dairy products, and domestic production is lower than consumer demand.

The French dairy industry's web site is <http://www.maison-du-lait.com>. It contains information in French and English on the organization of the French dairy sector and economic data on the French dairy industry.

Exchange rates used in this report are the following:

1999: 1 USD = 6.15 FF

2000 (Jan-Sept): 1 USD = 6.98 FF

Section II: Statistical Tables

PS&D Tables

PSD Table						
Country	France					
Commodity	Dairy, Milk, Fluid				(1000 HEAD)(1000 MT)	
	Revised	1999	Preliminary	2000	Forecast	2001
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		01/1999		01/2000		01/2001
Cows In Milk	4432	4432	4424	4421	0	4400
Cows Milk Production	24892	24892	24900	24890	0	24890
Other Milk Production	737	737	740	720	0	720
TOTAL Production	25629	25629	25640	25610	0	25610
Intra EC Imports	642	642	650	600	0	620
Other Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL Imports	642	642	650	600	0	620
TOTAL SUPPLY	26271	26271	26290	26210	0	26230
Intra EC Exports	769	769	770	710	0	720
Other Exports	51	51	50	40	0	50
TOTAL Exports	820	820	820	750	0	770
Fluid Use Dom. Consum.	3934	4375	3950	4380	0	4380
Factory Use Consum.	20932	20491	20940	20500	0	20500
Feed Use Dom. Consum.	585	585	580	580	0	580
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	25451	25451	25470	25460	0	25460
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	26271	26271	26290	26210	0	26230
Calendar Yr. Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calendar Yr. Exp. to U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0

Sources: SCEES, ONILAIT, French Customs, CNIEL

PSD Table						
Country	France					
Commodity	Dairy, Cheese				(1000 MT)	
	Revised	1999	Preliminary	2000	Forecast	2001
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		01/1999		01/2000		01/2001
Beginning Stocks	68	68	72	72	62	92
Production	1658	1658	1660	1680	0	1670
Intra EC Imports	171	171	170	170	0	170
Other Imports	19	19	20	20	0	20
TOTAL Imports	190	190	190	190	0	190
TOTAL SUPPLY	1916	1916	1922	1942	62	1952
Intra EC Exports	392	392	400	390	0	400
Other Exports	96	96	100	90	0	90
TOTAL Exports	488	488	500	480	0	490
Human Dom. Consumption	1356	1356	1360	1370	0	1370
Other Use, Losses	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Dom. Consumption	1356	1356	1360	1370	0	1370
TOTAL Use	1844	1844	1860	1850	0	1860
Ending Stocks	72	72	62	92	0	92
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	1916	1916	1922	1942	0	1952
Calendar Yr. Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calendar Yr. Exp. to U.S.	12	12	12	13	0	13

Sources: SCEES, ONILAIT, French Customs, CNIEL

PSD Table						
Country	France					
Commodity	Dairy, Butter				(1000 MT)	
	Revised	1999	Preliminary	2000	Forecast	2001
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		01/1999		01/2000		01/2001
Beginning Stocks	26	26	27	27	25	22
Production	448	448	450	440	0	445
Intra EC Imports	121	121	125	121	0	121
Other Imports	9	9	8	9	0	9
TOTAL Imports	130	130	133	130	0	130
TOTAL SUPPLY	604	604	610	597	25	597
Intra EC Exports	46	46	45	45	0	45
Other Exports	31	31	30	30	0	30
TOTAL Exports	77	77	75	75	0	75
Domestic Consumption	500	500	510	500	0	500
TOTAL Use	577	577	585	575	0	575
Ending Stocks	27	27	25	22	0	22
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	604	604	610	597	0	597
Calendar Yr. Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calendar Yr. Exp. to U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0

Sources: SCEES, ONILAIT, French Customs, CNIEL

PSD Table						
Country	France					
Commodity	Dairy, Milk, Nonfat Dry			(1000 MT)		
	Revised	1999	Preliminary	2000	Forecast	2001
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		01/1999		01/2000		01/2001
Beginning Stocks	34	34	22	22	22	22
Production	302	302	320	295	0	300
Intra EC Imports	55	55	40	60	0	60
Other Imports	9	9	5	10	0	10
TOTAL Imports	64	64	45	70	0	70
TOTAL SUPPLY	400	400	387	387	22	392
Intra EC Exports	51	51	60	60	0	60
Other Exports	33	33	30	30	0	30
TOTAL Exports	84	84	90	90	0	90
Human Dom. Consumption	85	85	85	85	0	85
Other Use, Losses	209	209	190	190	0	200
Total Dom. Consumption	294	294	275	275	0	285
TOTAL Use	378	378	365	365	0	375
Ending Stocks	22	22	22	22	0	17
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	400	400	387	387	0	392
Calendar Yr. Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calendar Yr. Exp. to U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0

Sources: SCEES, ONILAIT, French Customs, CNIEL

PSD Table						
Country	France					
Commodity	Dairy, Dry Whole Milk Powder				(1000 MT)	
	Revised	1999	Preliminary	2000	Forecast	2001
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		01/1999		01/2000		01/2001
Beginning Stocks	23	23	22	22	22	27
Production	436	436	430	440	0	440
Intra EC Imports	16	16	15	10	0	10
Other Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL Imports	16	16	15	10	0	10
TOTAL SUPPLY	475	475	467	472	22	477
Intra EC Exports	45	45	50	50	0	55
Other Exports	170	170	160	160	0	165
TOTAL Exports	215	215	210	210	0	220
Human Dom. Consumption	176	176	175	175	0	175
Other Use, Losses	62	62	60	60	0	60
Total Dom. Consumption	238	238	235	235	0	235
TOTAL Use	453	453	445	445	0	455
Ending Stocks	22	22	22	27	0	22
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	475	475	467	472	0	477
Calendar Yr. Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calendar Yr. Exp. to U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0

Sources: SCEES, ONILAIT, French Customs, CNIEL

Trade Matrices

Export Trade Matrix			
Country	France		
Commodity	Dairy, Milk, Fluid		
Time period	Jan-May	Units:	MT
Exports for:	1999		2000
U.S.	0	U.S.	0
Others		Others	
Italy	140851	Italy	144505
Spain	84997	Belgium	75449
Belgium	82644	Spain	68719
Germany	32158	Germany	36310
Switzerland	10361	Greece	13999
Portugal	8845	Switzerland	10452
UK	7459	Portugal	5268
Greece	4691	UK	4634
Andorra	1817	Senegal	1653
Senegal	1432	Andorra	1648
Total for Others	375255		362637
Others not Listed	92875		10439
Grand Total	468130		373076

Import Trade Matrix			
Country	France		
Commodity	Dairy, Milk, Fluid		
Time period	Jan-May	Units:	MT
Imports for:	1999		2000
U.S.	0	U.S.	0
Others		Others	
Belgium	148529	Belgium	144983
Germany	55617	Germany	78520
Spain	17039	Spain	12138
Italy	5821	Italy	3445
UK	621	UK	446
Total for Others	227627		239532
Others not Listed	149164		1115
Grand Total	376791		240647

Sources: French Customs, CFCE

Export Trade Matrix			
Country	France		
Commodity	Dairy, Cheese		
Time period	Jan-May	Units:	MT
Exports for:	1999		2000
U.S.	4106	U.S.	4692
Others		Others	
Germany	54215	Germany	54137
Belgium	26732	Belgium	28217
UK	23737	UK	24534
Italy	20735	Italy	22574
Spain	11520	Spain	14570
Netherlands	10607	Netherlands	13506
Saudi Arabia	7224	Saudi Arabia	8056
Switzerland	4444	Switzerland	4553
Lybia	3483	Denmark	3228
Lebanon	2543	Japan	2457
Total for Others	165240		175832
Others not Listed	53803		25695
Grand Total	223149		206219

Import Trade Matrix			
Country	France		
Commodity	Dairy, Cheese		
Time period	Jan-May	Units:	MT
Imports for:	1999		2000
U.S.	0	U.S.	0
Others		Others	
Netherlands	19557	Netherlands	22169
Germany	18255	Germany	21982
Italy	9570	Italy	10060
Belgium	4722	Belgium	5558
Switzerland	4167	Spain	3717
Spain	4160	Denmark	3630
Denmark	3118	Switzerland	3307
UK	2600	UK	2663
Ireland	1363	Australia	1794
New Zealand	1248	New Zealand	1680
Total for Others	68760		76560
Others not Listed	7603		4190
Grand Total	76363		80750

Sources: French Customs, CFCE

Export Trade Matrix			
Country	France		
Commodity	Dairy, Butter		
Time period	Jan-May	Units:	MT
Exports for:	1999		2000
U.S.	224	U.S.	133
Others		Others	
Italy	6549	Italy	6936
Belgium	2538	Belgium	2970
Germany	2756	Egypt	2933
Egypt	2474	Germany	1806
UK	1512	UK	1371
Singapore	1126	Spain	1291
Greece	1102	Saudi Arabia	1165
Saudi Arabia	928	Greece	955
Russia	577	Ireland	921
Algeria	570	Singapore	873
Total for Others	20132		21221
Others not Listed	11981		9340
Grand Total	32337		30694

Import Trade Matrix			
Country	France		
Commodity	Dairy, Butter		
Time period	Jan-May	Units:	MT
Imports for:	1999		2000
U.S.	0	U.S.	0
Others		Others	
Belgium	11349	Belgium	15185
Netherlands	11312	UK	7592
Ireland	8284	Netherlands	6044
UK	5124	Ireland	5393
Italy	4551	Spain	4170
Germany	3827	Germany	3824
Spain	2594	New Zealand	2868
New Zealand	2254	Italy	2506
Finland	1702	Finland	1329
Portugal	1436	Portugal	942
Total for Others	52433		49853
Others not Listed	12723		9962
Grand Total	65156		59815

Sources: French Customs, CFCE

Export Trade Matrix			
Country	France		
Commodity	Dairy, Milk, Nonfat Dry		
Time period	Jan-May	Units:	MT
Exports for:	1999		2000
U.S.	0	U.S.	0
Others		Others	
Netherlands	7812	Netherlands	8696
Italy	5396	Algeria	7671
Belgium	4042	Italy	7177
Spain	3228	Spain	5029
Algeria	2180	Belgium	3430
Germany	1868	Cuba	2175
Cuba	1800	Egypt	1254
Taiwan	1303	Germany	1224
Egypt	1173	Singapore	997
Mexico	725	Malaysia	600
Total for Others	29527		38253
Others not Listed	14118		7142
Grand Total	43645		45395

Sources: French Customs, CFCE

Import Trade Matrix			
Country	France		
Commodity	Dairy, Milk, Nonfat Dry		
Time period	Jan-May	Units:	MT
Imports for:	1999		2000
U.S.		U.S.	0
Others		Others	
Belgium	4640	Netherlands	6298
Netherlands	3233	Belgium	5410
Germany	3167	Ireland	4555
Poland	973	UK	4314
Czech Republic	803	Germany	2535
UK	735	Sweden	2107
Ireland	631	Czech Republic	1084
Estonia	406	Spain	631
Australia	284	Denmark	284
Denmark	541	Lithuania	162
Total for Others	15413		27380
Others not Listed	5264		1509
Grand Total	20677		28889

Export Trade Matrix			
Country	France		
Commodity	Dairy, Dry Whole Milk Powder		
Time period	Jan-May	Units:	MT
Exports for:	1999		2000
U.S.	0	U.S.	0
Others		Others	
Algeria	29164	Algeria	33511
Netherlands	6698	Irak	11216
Saudi Arabia	4860	Netherlands	5758
Germany	4999	Cuba	5555
Belgium	4455	Senegal	4529
Cuba	4400	Saudi Arabia	4114
Senegal	3409	Belgium	3770
Irak	3218	Lebanon	2497
Lebanon	2314	Italy	2445
Mali	2279	Germany	2437
Total for Others	65796		75832
Others not Listed	24732		19415
Grand Total	90528		95247

Import Trade Matrix			
Country	France		
Commodity	Dairy, Dry Whole Milk Powder		
Time period	Jan-May	Units:	MT
Imports for:	1999		2000
U.S.	0	U.S.	0
Others		Others	
Netherlands	1869	Portugal	853
Belgium	1101	Netherlands	657
Germany	732	Begium	564
Portugal	782	Germany	411
Ireland	522	UK	386
UK	317	Ireland	334
Total for Others	5323		3205
Others not Listed	1488		199
Grand Total	6811		3404

Sources: French Customs, CFCE

Price Data

Prices paid to French producers for fluid milk were the following in 1999 and 2000 (in FF per liter):

Prices Table			
Country	France		
Commodity	Dairy, Milk, Fluid		
Prices in	FF	per uom	liter
Year	1999	2000	% Change
Jan	1.996	2.009	0.65%
Feb	1.948	1.962	0.72%
Mar	1.843	1.857	0.76%
Apr	1.719	1.753	1.98%
May	1.72	1.738	1.05%
Jun	1.74	1.764	1.38%
Jul	1.873	1.897	1.28%
Aug	2.013	n/a	-100.00%
Sep	2.028	n/a	-100.00%
Oct	2.045	n/a	-100.00%
Nov	2.035	n/a	-100.00%
Dec	2.017	n/a	-100.00%
Exchange Rate	6.15	Local currency/US \$	

Sources: SCEES, INSEE

Note: in 1999, the average exchange rate was 1 USD = 6.15 FF and, was 1 USD = 6.98 FF during the first nine months of 2000.

Note: for fluid milk, 1 liter = 1.03 kg

Prices for Emmental at the processing plant were the following in 1999 and 2000 (in FF per kilogram):

Prices Table			
Country	France		
Commodity	Dairy, Cheese		
Prices in	FF	per uom	Kg
Year	1999	2000	% Change
Jan	28.74	30.15	4.91%
Feb	29.59	29.95	1.22%
Mar	29.43	30.06	2.14%
Apr	29.53	29.99	1.56%
May	29.44	30.37	3.16%
Jun	29.47	n/a	-100.00%
Jul	29.42	n/a	-100.00%
Aug	29.43	n/a	-100.00%
Sep	29.26	n/a	-100.00%
Oct	29.96	n/a	-100.00%
Nov	30.31	n/a	-100.00%
Dec	30.06	n/a	-100.00%
Exchange Rate	6.15	Local currency/US \$	

Source: SCEES

Prices for bulk pasteurized butter paid at the processing plant were the following in 1999 and 2000 (in FF per kilogram):

Prices Table			
Country	France		
Commodity	Dairy, Butter		
Prices in	FF	per uom	Kg
Year	1999	2000	% Change
Jan	20.47	19.75	-3.52%
Feb	20.11	19.4	-3.53%
Mar	19.91	19.25	-3.31%
Apr	19.57	19.25	-1.64%
May	19.26	19.42	0.83%
Jun	19.22	19.82	3.12%
Jul	19.3	n/a	-100.00%
Aug	19.39	n/a	-100.00%
Sep	19.56	n/a	-100.00%
Oct	19.99	n/a	-100.00%
Nov	20.12	n/a	-100.00%
Dec	20.05	n/a	-100.00%
Exchange Rate	6.15	Local currency/US \$	

Source: SCEES

Prices for nonfat dry milk for animal feed at the processing plant were the following in 1999 and 2000 (in FF per kilogram):

Prices Table			
Country	France		
Commodity	Dairy, Milk, Nonfat Dry		
Prices in	FF	per uom	Kg
Year	1999	2000	% Change
Jan	12.61	14.19	12.53%
Feb	12.57	14.25	13.37%
Mar	12.59	14.21	12.87%
Apr	12.5	14.06	12.48%
May	12.58	14.77	17.41%
Jun	12.93	16.47	27.38%
Jul	13.14	n/a	-100.00%
Aug	13.27	n/a	-100.00%
Sep	13.65	n/a	-100.00%
Oct	14.26	n/a	-100.00%
Nov	14.13	n/a	-100.00%
Dec	14.12	n/a	-100.00%
Exchange Rate		Local currency/US \$	

Source: SCEES

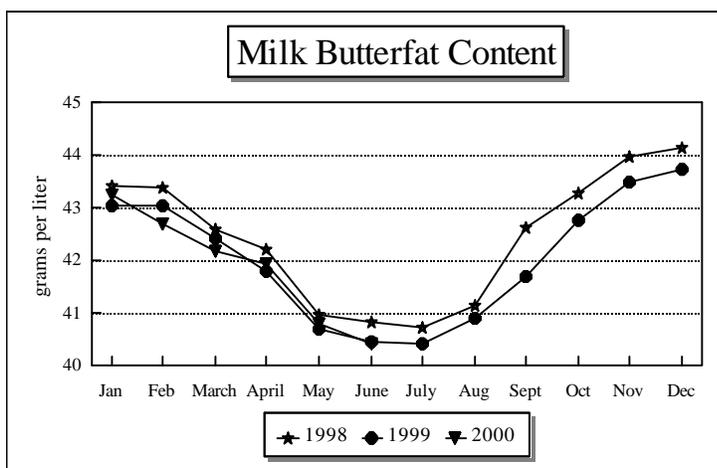
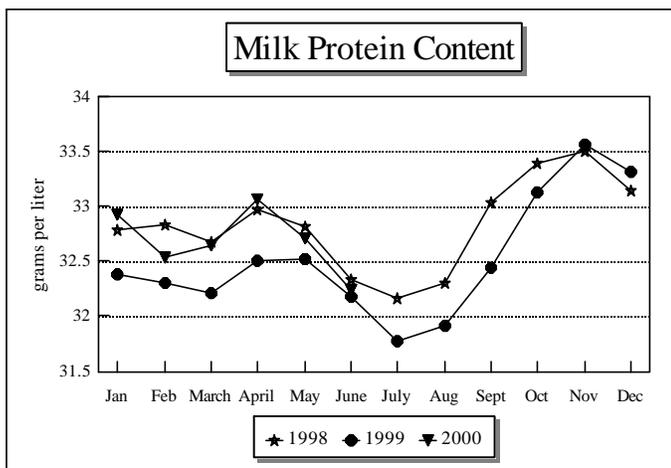
Section III: Supply, Demand, Policy and Marketing

Production

Fluid Milk

France under-utilized its 23.8 million MT milk production quota by 112,000 MT during the 1999/2000 (April/March) production year.

Fluctuations of milk butterfat content and milk protein content were the following in 1998, 1999 and 2000:



Cheese

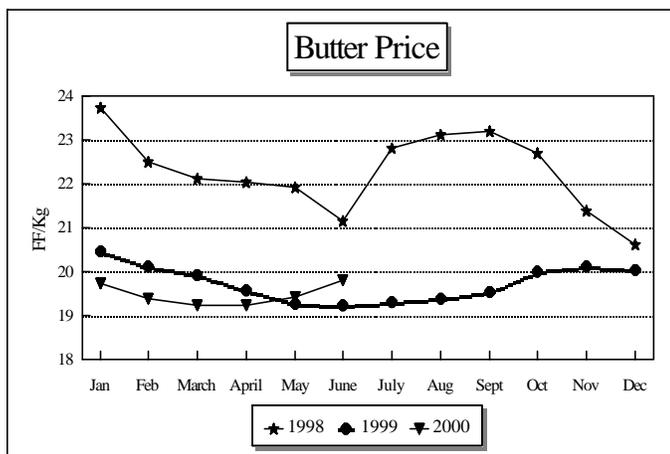
The French Ministry of Agriculture's Office of Statistics (SCEES) provided the following data for cheese production, by type, for 1999 and 2000 (in MT):

		CY 1999	Jan-July 1999	Jan-July 2000
Cheeses Made from Cow Milk	Fresh	549,433	324,412	334,127
	Soft	452,174	254,365	256,504
	Cooked Pressed	306,490	188,344	191,662
	Uncooked Pressed	207,359	117,511	120,437
	Blue	37,426	21,319	21,666
	Total Cow Cheese	1,552,882	905,951	924,396
Cheeses Made from Sheep Milk		48,897	44,495	57,642
Cheeses Made from Goat Milk		55,773	31,258	34,354
TOTAL CHEESES		1,657,550	981,704	1,016,390

Butter

According to SCEES, French butter production included the following in 1999 and 2000 (in MT):

	CY 1999	Jan-July 1999	Jan-July 2000
Butter	365,367	243,959	238,225
Butter Oil (Made from Cream)	77,604	46,291	44,678
Light Butter	4,598	2,742	2,173
TOTAL BUTTER	447,569	292,992	285,076



Butter prices indicated by the French Dairy Board (ONILAIT), which have been depressed since the Russian economic crisis in late 1998, started recovering in spring 2000, as indicated in the opposite graph.

Prices indicated in the graph are for pasteurized butter at the processing plant.

According to OECD, butter prices are expected to increase in future months, as a result of rising prices for vegetable oils, which are butter's competitor products.

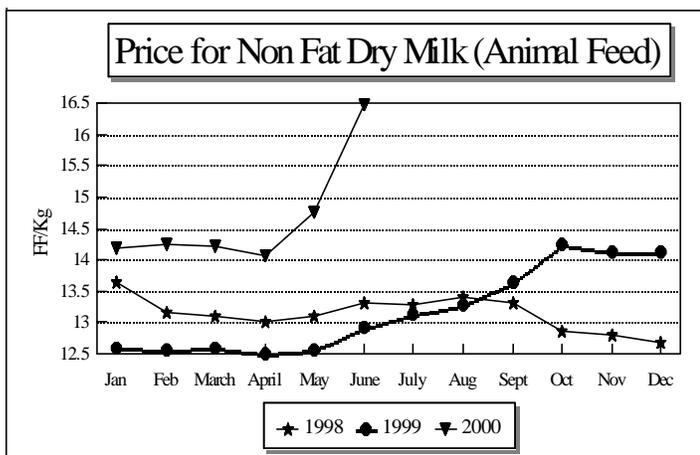
Milk Powder

French milk powder production includes nonfat dry milk and dry whole milk powder, shown as follows in 1999 and 2000 (in MT):

	CY 1999	Jan-July 1999	Jan-July 2000
Nonfat Dry Milk	301,592	209,897	195,619
Dry Whole Milk Powder	435,540	261,342	265,911

In 1998 and 1999, prices for nonfat dry milk (NFDM) used in animal feed stayed low due to reduced world

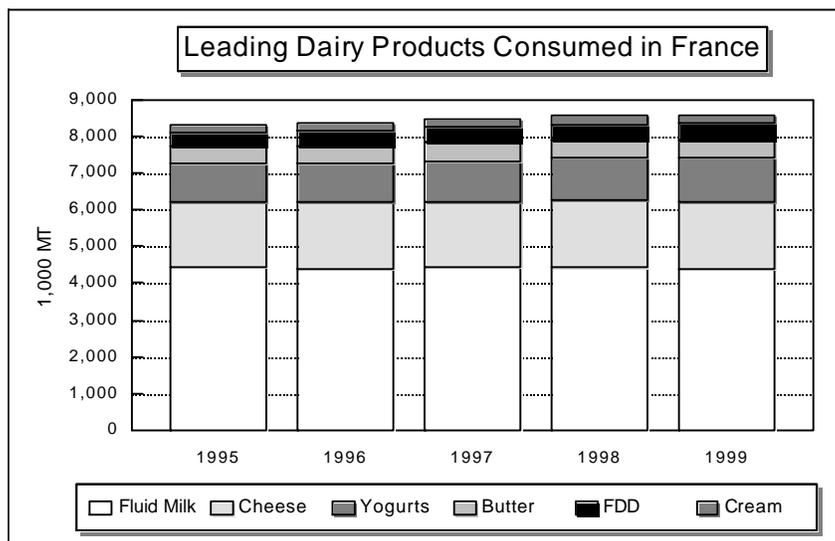
demand mainly caused by Asian economic crisis. Asian countries generally import half of the world's exports of NFDM and sharply reduced their imports. NFDM prices started to recover in the last quarter of 1999, and a significant increase was recorded in spring 2000, as indicated in the opposite graph.



The sharp price increase in 2000 resulted from growing world demand for NFDM, mainly from Asia, combined with currently low world production of NFDM. In France, this is illustrated by rising exports in 2000, combined with a declining production.

Consumption

According to the French Interprofessional Center for Information on Dairy Products (CIDIL), fluid milk, cheese and yogurt consumption represent more than 85 percent of total dairy consumption in France, for which distribution has not varied significantly over the past five years (see graph below).



Note: FDD stands for fresh dairy desserts.

In terms of value, French households spent in 1999 FF 29.4 billion (USD 4.8 billion) on cheeses, 20.6 billion (USD 3.4 billion) on short shelf-life products including fresh cheeses, yogurt and fresh dairy desserts, FF 10.3 billion (USD 1.7 billion) on fluid milk, and FF 5.4 billion (USD 0.9 billion) on butter.

According to CIDIL and the consumer survey agency SECODIP, average retail prices for dairy products sold in all retail outlets (from small speciality shops to supermarkets) were the following in 1999 (in USD/kg, except for fluid milk):

Dairy Products		Retail Prices	
Fluid Milk		0.61 USD per liter	
Butter		4.76	
Yogurt		1.74	
Fresh Dairy Desserts		2.59	
Long Shelf-Life Cream		0.32	
Cheeses		Cut to Order	Prepackaged
	Soft Cheeses	9.83	6.47
	Cooked Pressed Cheeses	9.23	6.88
	Uncooked Pressed Cheeses	9.05	8.08
	Blue Cheeses	11.20	11.15
	Fresh Cheeses	7.39	9.19
	Goat Cheeses	13.7	10.14
	Processed Cheeses	n/a	7.14

Most dairy products are sold in supermarkets, which ring up 78 percent of milk sales, 92 percent of cheeses, 82 percent of the sales of butter, 86 percent of yogurt sales, 79 percent of FDD sales, and 81 percent of cream sales. The remainder is sold in street markets and shops specialized in dairy products.

Trade

Most of French dairy trade takes place with EU Member States and Switzerland. However, several third countries are export markets for French dairy products, such as Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Singapore, Malaysia, Cuba and Lebanon. There is little trade in dairy products between the United States and France, except for cheeses, for which France is a net exporter. In 1999, the only category of cheese exported by the United States to France was cheddar, with 0.3 MT and USD 2,114. French butter exports continue to be penalized by the lack of demand from Russia, which was a major importer until the 1998 economic crisis.

The recovery of Asian economies is illustrated by increased French shipments of nonfat dry milk (NFDM) to Asia. French exports of NFDM increased by 4 percent from the January-May period in 1999 to the same period in 2000. This is shown in the data by growing French shipments to the Netherlands (from which products are likely to be re-exported from the Rotterdam port to third countries in Asia and the Middle East), Algeria, Singapore and Malaysia.

Marketing

There is a market in France for organic dairy products, since French domestic production is lower than consumer demand. In 1999, French organic milk production amounted to 96 million liters (98,880 MT), and is expected to increase to 150 million liters (154,500 MT) in 2000. To meet domestic demand, France imports 23 million liters (23,690 MT) of organic milk per year, mainly from Germany and Belgium. Half of organic milk is sold as fluid milk, and the other half is processed. Consumption of organic yogurt is estimated to be increasing significantly. Most organic dairy products are sold in supermarkets.

The following table shows that French organic dairy production is currently very limited:

	Organic Dairy Production in 1998 (MT)	Organic Dairy Production in 1999 (MT)
Packaged Fluid Milk	29,148	51,077
Short Shelf Life Products	5,450	11,630
Cheeses	1,711	2,910
Cream	406	576
Milk Powder	265	627
Butter	734	n/a